## A FARCICAL COMEDY AND A COM-ICAL OPERA ARE NEW PLAYS.

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Full Summary of the Theatrical Bills, Raiph Lumley is the author of "Aunt Jack," which was a notable success in broad comicality His latest plece, "Thoroughbred," was one of last year's successes in London. We are to get it to-morrow night at the Garrick Theatre from the hands of Charles Frohman, who has assigned some of his eleverest comed ans to the performance. Henry E. Dixey undertakes the part which J. L. Tools made much of in England-that of a sedate Mayor and deacon who, coming into chance possession of a fast horse, becomes a secret adherent of the race course. This old man resembles the one which Mr. Dixey once played so well in "Confusion," and so we may expect diversion from this long-absent actor. Another promising member of the cast is Fritz Williams, who is to enact a sporting lordling, and Agnes Miller is another titled turf figure. Robert Edeson, Joseph Humphreys, Jennie Busley, and Mrs. Whiffen are in good company, too. The piece is a farcical comedy.

A new comic opera is "El Capitan," for which Charles Klein has written the words and John Philip Sousa the music. It will be performed at the Broadway to-morrow night by De Wolf Hopper and his company. The scheme of the piece provides for Mr. Hopper a rôle which would seem to fit him, because, while it may prove novel in the manner of its treatment by Mr. Klein, it still is of a kind with others in which the comedian has been successful. It is that of a man unexpectedly thrust into power in a foreign land, and rendered amusingly miserable by his remarkable adventures. This time, as a vicercy of Peru, he assumes the name and guise of rebel leader against his own Government. His plight becomes variously and intricately mixed before his exploit is finished. Of course, something excellent in music is expected of Mr. Sousa, including a captivating march or two. "El Capitan" has been played a week in Boston, and it seems to have made a favorable impression there. The quality of the mounting was particularly praised. Edna Wallace Hopper, Bertha Waltzinger, and Alice Hosmer are the leaders of the feminine contingent in the company, and John Parr, Alfred Klein, Thomas Guise, and Edmund Stanley are among Mr. Hopper's masculine aids.

One more Hauptmann play will be brought out at the Irving Place to-morrow. It is the only comedy which this German dramatist of realism has written. It is called "College Crampton," and in the New York production Georg Engels is to enact the title character. Mr. Engels will appear on Thursday in a ", benefit" performance of "Companions," and or Thursday for a farewell in "His Excellency. He has justified his Berlin reputation.

A brief comedictta in verse, entitled "The Kiss," translated from the French by Charles Renauld, will be performed by Edward Vroom and Minnie Dupree at the matinee benefit of the French Benevolent Society, on Tuesday, at the Fifth Avenue. The long and good programme also includes singing, reciting and music by a large number of talented professional artists.

The changed bills include a return engage ment of John Hare, but it will not begin at Ab-bey's until Tuesday night, as his scenery could hardly be brought from Chicago and set up sooner. The plays will be "A Pair of Spectacles" and "Old Cronies," comedies in which Mr. Hare is delightful. This actor, who was a stranger to our audiences until his American debut last winter, has quickly become an extremely agreeable stage acquaintance.

Thomas O. Seabrooke appeared at the Fifth Avenue last night in "The Speculator," a comedy, by George H. Broadhurst, which was reviewed in THE SUN when presented in Brooklyn last winter. It illustrates grain speculation in Chicago, and the character depicted by Mr. Scabrooke is that of an operator whose pusiness is complicated with sentiment. The piece and the performance will receive further and fuller consideration.

The Irish play which comes to the American. "Myles Aroon," is old, as it was once in the Scanlan repertory, but it has a new comedian, Andrew Mack, in the title role. Mr. Mack is equipped with a melodious voice and a rich brogue with which to sing the Irish ballads that abound in the piece. Some of these songs are familiar and some are recent compositions. "Myles Aroon" is less conventional than most

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Mr. Paimer has brought his principal "Trilby" company back to town for a week at the Harlem Opera House. Witton Lackaye is still the weird hypnotizer in the cast, and Blanche Walsh is handsome as the good-natured model. The "Ben Bolt" ballad will be sung in the Harlem performances by Louise Clary, the contraito of St. Patrick's Cathedral choir, and Leo Somner's gypsy band will blay "hypnotic music" behind the scenes.

A play of Southwestern life, familiar under the title of "Coon Hollow," now reaches the Grand Opera House in its travels. It popularizes a somewhat melodramatic thems by means of exciting scenes, along with a great deal of negro singing, dancing, and characterization. Thus an entertainment such as many folks like is given. The piece will be presented, it is promised, with a careful selection of actors and a good set of scenery.

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The People's has a drama congenial to the Rowery in "The Diamond Breaker," because there is a scene in which the hero is thrown into the big, noisy, ore-crunching breaker of a coal mine, to be barely rescued by the heroine from being mangled and torn to awful death. The play has an Alleghany Mountains story of a thrilling sort, and the life of miners is illustrated with realism. Etelka Wardell is the principal actress in the piece.

The new drama, "Madame," in which Rose Coghlan has figured admirably during the past three weeks in this city, crosses the Brooklyn Eridge to the Park, with Miss Coghlan still acting its principal rôle and with no change in the company which was organized to support her. The heroine is an interesting blend of a woman in business and a woman in love. She figures in a curious case of sentiment and thievery.

There is a lot of what actors call ginger in "The Sidewalks of New York," which is to be found at Sanford's. Its most rousing element for the populace is a sensational use of a water tank. A hero, impersonated by a diver, Kearney P. Speedy, planges from a tower into it, thus combining a feat of real daring with one of mimic importance in the play. The fun and sentiment are just about as positive as that realist dive into actual water.

Palmer's is closed this week, but will be reopened on April 27 by Herrmann the Wizard with a partly new entertainment of trickery and filanon. Daily's is still shut, and pro and the volunteer performers are sure to ample for a first-rate entertainment.

which two of our stock companies are to soon close their seasons, "The Prisoner of Zenda" will only last the week out at the Lyceum, where it brings a season which did not start very brilliantly to a most triumphant end. This melodrama has proved the biggest success, as to both popularity and money, in American theatricals within the year.

This week and another will finish the term of "Bohemia" at the Empire. At the fiftieth performance of the bright and active camedy, tomorrow night, there will be souvenirs which Mr. Frohman declares are the most valuable that he has ever given away. They are "tail, graceful, lily-shaped rose vases of polished and eatin silver, a novelty of recent issue from one of the largest silvers mithing houses."

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cooling the air of the theatre are to be used as soon as the weather requires them.

No date has been set at Hoyt's for closing the season of "A Black Sheep," and nobody will be surprised if it runs well into the summer. Any way, it will remain as long as a naying proportion of the public continues to want it. Mr. Harlan and Mr. Devere lead the funny comedians as spiritedly as ever. Jeanette St. Henry is singing some new ballads very fetchlosily. The musical farce has passed into the second hundred of its repetitions.

Three hundred cerformances of "The Widow Jones" at the Hijou and elsewhere will have been given when that of next Tuesday is over. Silver siphon perfume bottles are to be the souvenirs. May Irwin promises to sing several songs in addition to those usually given in this jovailly farcical entertainment, in which her hailads and those of Mr. Sparks constitute a considerable share of the fun, because they are acted as well as sung.

The Casino management declares that "The Lady Slavey" has been the best money success that the theatre has ever had. It will last about a month longer. Charles Danby has now returned to the cast for his former role of the deputy sheriff, and he will introduce a lot of the thevaller costernonger ballads. Virginia Earle is well again and active in the performance. The bicycle riders are renewed in seasonable force and celerity.

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War plays fight their battles persistently in three of our theatres. "The Heart of Maryland" still fills the stage of the Herald Square with the tragic affairs of some Unionists and Confederates. At the two hundredth performance next Wednesday night the souvenir will be a gold and silver heart-shaped token. What is denominated the supplementary season of this play begins now, and is to last four weeks only. That will complete seven months.

The desperate struggle of the Cubans for liberty is illustrated vividity, and no doubt truthfully in the main, in "The Last Stroke" at the Star. The author of this piece aimed straight at sensationalism, and his work is forceful enough to hit the mark solidly. Favored by the timeliness of his theme, he is rewarded by as much noise as audiences ever made, to say nothing of the dollars. This is the last week.

The experience of "Humanity" at the Academy of Music proves that the masses of people who go to theatres have a strong liking for showy military melodramas, presented in a spectacular manner. In this play the hunting scene, with its many horses and dogs, and the episode of the horseback combat are received with a great deal of enthusiasm. The hundredth performance in New York city will be reached a week from to-merrow.

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The news from the Standard is that "Chimmie Fadden" is expected to reach a 150th time, which would make it last antil summer. It is said, too, that the vogue of Chevalier and his coster songs has rekindled interest in Charles H. Hopper and his Bowery boy bailads, which are sung very well indeed. Mrs. Hates's wonderfully fine embodiment of the woman drunkard, however, holds its own against anything else in the play.

There is no lessening in the attractiveness of ontinuous vaudeville. At Proctor's Pleasure Palace well-known performers are plentiful. Engaged there are Sandow, in the last week of his stay: Virginia Aragon, who does many difficult feats of wire walking; Walter Gale, remembered as the tramp of "The Old Homestead;" John Kernel, and Lottle Gilson. Among the remaining ones are the Pantzer brothers. Marie Leslie, the Beaumont sisters, Delmore and Wilson, Joseph Goetz, Bartlett and Wilson, Leona Lewis, Myrtle Tressider, Alonzo Hatch, Gertrude Mansfield, Salina, Don Leno, and Hadley and Hart. One of the performers in today's concert is Selma, who will sing for the last time at this house.

Three jokers who are favorably known to the judges of specialties are John W. Ransone, James F. Hoey, and Sam Devere, who are a Proctor's Twenty-third Street. The trained elephants are still employed, but are soon to seek pastures new. The roster also includes Mattie Aubrey, Maude Raymond, Gus Garholt, Staley and Birbeck, Zlovga, Fields and Saline, Emma Gailes, Walter Gale, Mile, Morello, Elsie Adair, Manola, the Weston sisters, Satsuma, Dick Legget, and Eleanor Falk. To-day's con-

Dick Legget, and Fleanor Falk. To-day's concert is "continuous."

Ullie Akerstrom is to be a conspicuous figure in the entertainment at Keith's Union Square. She has for several seasons headed a touring company of players, and will now be heard in a bridget of recitations, imitations, and songs. Three of last week's features—Press Eidridge, Rosalie Pepita, and the Martinetti troupe of pantominists—hold over. Others who contribute are Vera Doré, Marietta and Belloni, Casey and LeClair, Jerome and Alexis, James Wallbrook, the Wilmots, Bryant and Richmond, the Æolian trio, and Conwell and Swan.

At Pastor's Ada Deeves is the chief item, though Hughey Dougherty is listed, and so is a troupe of negro lads that have inst returned from a tour of England. These specialists are also retained: John E. Drew, the Wrens, the Patterson Brothers, the Valdares, Flossie, Valesca, Weston and Baisley, Henri Cazman, Cora Routt, Leonzo, Josephine Sabel, and Hen H. Harney.

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The Gaiety retains the Versatile trio, Joe Hardman, Rowe and Rentz, the Bland sisters, Carrie Ezier, Lillian Green, the Lassards, and several other variety performers, and will con-tinue the pantomime "Orange Blossoms" un-less the courts forbid.

The Barnum & Bailey circus is drawing big crowds to Madison Square Garden, and visitors are well rewarded for visiting the big show. Despite the fact that last winter's rivalry in audeville secured winter employment for many performers whose haymaking has formerly een with the circuses, this year's circus still has a good proportion of novelty in those feaures that might be transferred to a playhouse The woman who is shot from a bow into the The woman who is shot from a bow into the arms of a hidden and swinging trapeze performer might do the trick over a net in a theatre, but she's to be seen only at the circus. The Glenseretti troupe, too, could do as much behind the footlights as they do here, but some of their gymnastics are as yet not copied. Then when it comes to horses in scores and elephants by the dozen, there's more than any stage full, and the new side is kept outside by very force of numbers.

Few changes are reported in the forces of en tertainment at the music halls. "Marguerite" in the bill at Hammerstein's Olympia. Four French quadrille dancers are newly employed n the Bill Poster's can-can, and Fatima and Nina Canti are retained respectively in the Oriental dance and in the steps that follow the dressing room scene. Specialties will be done Tiller sisters, the Fredericks, Amann,

Papinta, and by the Caselli sisters, There are to be four more weeks of Albert Chevaller at Koster & Bial's. To-morrow evening he will sing for the first time here Nipper's Lullaby" and "Wot's the Good of Hanyfink? Why, Nuffink." The list of the other per formers is substantially unchanged from last week. It takes in Paulinetti and Pico, the Hora

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This is the last week of "Rob-ber Roy" at the Imperial, a burlesque to succeed it being in rehearsal. The entertainers who are coupled with it are De Bersell, the Deltorellis, Granto and Maud, Gilmore and Leonard, Rice and Elmer, and Realic.

of Rosalie. Eartho will have a difficult act at the Trocahartho with have a children at a the Procadero, for which she is attired in a contune made of Cuban flags, to which she gives the name "Cuba Libre." Fulsia is another conspicuous dancer here, and other specialists are the Jumbars, the California trio, and Libra and Vani. A burlesque of "Fra Diavola" is con-

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Miner's Eighth Avenue is visited by a burlesque and variety company in which Watson
and Dupree, Paulo and Dicka, and Evans and
Vidocq are the leaders. Miner's Bowery has an
extravaganza entitled "The Bull Fighter," incorporated in which are living pictures and
arrobatic dances by women.

To-morrow, at 10 minutes before 1 o'clock.
Prof. Ferris's subject will end his nap of 10s
hours at Huber's Fourteenth Street. The professor will be there, and others that will grace
the awakening with their presence are the man
fash, Fill Jim, the turtie boy, and the rooster
band. A variety show is given in the theatre,
At Huber's Eighth Avenue a one-legged gymnast, a pair of wrestling bears, an electrical
girl, and specialists are engaged.
Coffins and human bones are as plentiful as
ever at Cabaret du Neant.

A wax figure of Holmes, the multiple murderer, is the newest and most interesting exhibit
at the Fedon Musee.

The eighth of the series of vandeville concerts
on Sunday evenings at the Acatemy of Music
comes to-night. It engages the services of
Evelyn Fritton. Maggie Cline, J. B. McCabe,
Alice Johnson, D. Newman, Charles Chapman,
Thomas E. Glynn, Barney Heynolds, Mand Nugent, William Scott, Bernard Byllyn, and Collins and Collins.

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Orphans' Day at the Circus

To-morrow will be orphans'day in Madiso Square Garden. Mr. Balley has set apart the day for the reception of the orphan children and other inmates of the charitable institutions POEMS WORTH READING.

Amerikos en Athenats. A Pean of the 118th Olymptad.

Hall to ye, conquerors mighty, from games Olympian returning. Crowned with olive and paim from the trees by Hereules planted; To, who the purple seas wide furrowed from far Ata

Where is the glory of Gouskos ! the pride of Parasks-Fleet of foot, and strong, and famed for throwing the discus?

discus?

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defeat by men from the tribes of Manhattos.
Out of the isles of sunset fallen. Tenella, tenella!

Well-greaved Greeks to strive with, in contests Pana

Full four years to come they will tell it in Pelopon-How the barbarian victors, paints I red the Acropolis Vaving their banners bright-dyed, blowing blasts of the couch shell, esting Athenian wealth through fabulous winning

So, from your prowess and pluck, O returning Olym plan athletes.

They will have learned we can do some things as well

Here in the land of dollars, dudes, reformers, and bifome of slugging and football, and six-day-go-as-you-

BENRY TYRRELL. Cuban War Song. From the Spanish of Francisco Sellan When a people at last from oppression awakes, Eurrah! for the war that its bondage breaks,

Let the warm blood flow, let the cannon roar; At the gleam of the steel Let the tyraut reel. et the charger prance amid havec and gore. When a people at last from oppression awakes, Hurrah! for the war that its bondage breaks. spare not the ball, nor the spear, nor the brand; Be nothing but ruin on every hand: Let the warm blood flow, let the cannon roar; In the desperate strife

It is war to the knife, For those who have sworn to be slaves no more When a people at last from oppression awakes, Burrah! for the war that its bondage breaks. For the patriots of Cuba no terror has death; O'er mountain and valley, through forest and beath. Let the warm blood flow, let the cannon roar.

At duty's stern call We have come, one and all, To redeem from the despot the land we adore When a people at last from oppression awakes, Hurrah! for the war that its bondage breaks. P. J. AMT.

The Bloodless Sportsman.
"Hast thou named all the birds without a gan?
Loved the wood-rose and left it on its stalk?"

go a-gunning, but take no gun; I fish without a pole; and I bag good game and catch such fish As suit a sportsman's soul; For the choicest game that the forest holds. And the best fish of the brook, Are never brought down by a rifle shot

And never are caught with a book. I bob for fish by the forest brook, For bigger birds than wing the air Or fish that swim the seas rodless Walton of the brooks A bloodless sportsman, I-

The dreams that haunt the sky. The woods were made for the hunters of dreams, The brooks for the fishers of song; To the hunters who hunt for the gunless game The streams and the woods belong. There are thoughts that moan from the soul of the

hunt for the thoughts that throng the woods

And thoughts in a flower bell curled; And the thoughts that are blown with the scent of the fern

Are as new and as old as the world. so, away! for the hunt in the fern scented wood Till the going down of the sun; There is plenty of game still left in the woods For the hunter who has no gun. So, away: for the fish by the muss-bordered brook

That flows through the velvety sod; There are plenty of fish still left in the streams For the angler who has no rod. SAM WALTER FORM

The Fatal Duck, Prom the Treatleth Century:

I went to dine the other day
With my mother in law elect,
And lost thereby my flances,
So my future hopes are wrecked.
We'd reached the roast, when woe is me
if rever did have luck!)

The hostess asked me pleasantly
If I would carve the duck. If I would care the duck.

With confidence born of youth
I hastened to comply.
Could make a fortune fly.
Nor did I deem so small a bird.
Like any goat could buck:
But I guinel some points I bad not heard
The day I careed the duck.

I drove the fork up to the hilt Within its bosom browned, And sought to see how it was built, But not a joint I found. But not a joint I found.

I sawed it here and jabbed it there,
With pertinacious pluck;
Oh, deep was my desire to awear
The day I carved the duck.

A cold dew pearled my forenead fair,
As I chased it round the plate;
It could not, built on wheels, I swear,
Have struck a livelier gait.
The table was a saddening sight,
As if by lightning struck,
You'd ne'er have dreamed the cloth was white
The day I carved the duck.

The hostess cast a gorgon glance, Rose wore a ghastly smile, As sprinting round, that bird did dance, in most satanic style.

I pinned it down—i' upward soared And to my bosom stuck;

There were pailio cheeks around that board The day I carved the duck.

Then, seized with rage I could not still and hate I could not hold, From me I harded that bird of its, With fury uncontrolled.
Then from that seems I fied away

From the Youth's Companion

From the Youth's Companion,
I saw a youthful cavalier.
In rainent rich and rare,
With genes a handing from his cloak
And winking in his uar.
They gilts rained in his uar.
A military and the same and an analysis of finite
And tempting as he came.
And they thromosed a mandolin,
Its tones right cheerily rang.
Like raindrops pattering on the caves,
And this is what he same.

And this is what he sain:

"Heigho! Demotable Dalvy,
Loosen your wimple white,
Heigho! Violet dailing.
Open your blue eyes bright.
Heigho! Grasses and leanels.
Hear you my tender call!
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Hear you my tender call!
Heigho! Come, pretry hardower,
Wrapped in your hood of fur,
Heyday, come, bradoilly,
Prither arouse and silr.
Heyday, come to the anowdrifts,
tions is the bitting blast.
Heyday, whee, pretty maidens,
Summer is copping at lean."

A hundred pretty heads peeped out.
To hear the sentle sound:
A hundred pretty heads neeped out.
Above the frozen ground.
He tings his ewells over them all.
A crown of hearvess finnes:
A fascinating cavalier.
To wake a hundred dames.

"Who are you, sir?" I anxious cried, "I fain would learn your power," The Serensder laughed, and said, "liy name is April Shower."

Life.

A warmth, a glow, a light; A pod, a shell, a tomb. A spring, a summer, fall; A frost, a snow, a pail. A quiver motion breath:

There's a test, always certain, to use:

A song, a sigh, then death. Are you dublous concerning the news,
With its threatening of war and of woe?

Is the news of a comforting tone. Seek no proof except this alone If you see it in THE SEX. It is so. Is Helios marked with a spot, Sure presige of rain or of snow? Would you know if it is or is not? Is the weather fine, are the crops first class. is business brisk; does confidence grow; Is the good time coming swiftly to pass?

If you see it in THE SUN, it is so.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

1. I want to find out several points about artillery of the American Revolution. I wish to know how many mun there were to each field piece; what rank the commanders held; he can be marched when the gun was in motion, &c. Can more commend a book? 2. Where can I get information concerning the attempt to poison tien, washington in New York during the Revolution Washington in New York during the Court.

1. In 1775 Col. Richard Gridley's regiment of artillery, which lost five of its siz guns at Bunker Hill, consisted on paper of ten companies, each with 1 Captain, 1 Captain-Lieutenant, 1 First Lieutenant, and 2 Second Lieutenants, 4 sergeants, 4 corporats, 6 gunners, 6 bombadlers, and 32 mg trosses or privates. The matrosses manouved the pieces by ropes. Later in 1775 Co. Henry Knox reorganized the artillery; his regiment hal twelve ompanies, made up as in Gridley's, with a drummer and fifer to each company. In November, 1776, Col. Harrison's (First) Regiment had ten companies, each with 1 Captain, 1 Captain Lieu-tenant, 1 First and 1 Second Lieutenant, 1 ser. ant, 4 corporals, 4 bombardlers, 8 gunners, 48 natrosses, and 4 guns. Col. Stevens's "corps" or battalien had three companies, each in, I Captain-Lieutenant, 1 First and 3 Second deutenants, 6 sergeants, 6 corporals, 6 bombarliers, 6 gunners, 2 musicians, 28 matrosses, and 3 guns. The organization of Harrison's Regiment was extended to all the artillery regiments by Knox, who was Brigadier-General of Artitlery, in May, 1778. In October, 1780, this organization was provided for: Ten companies to a regiment, each with 1 Captain, 1 Captain-Lieutenant, 1 First and 3 Second Lieutenants, 6 sergeants, 6 corporals, 5 bombardiers, 6 gunners, 1 drum, 1 fife, 39 ma trosses, and 8 guns, and this continued to the end of the war. Some of the States raised buttailous or empanies of artillery, with more matrosses; but the artillery, as a whole, was organized as above. In handling the light brass 6-pounders the gun detachments were composed of 1 commissioned officer, 1 sergeant, 1 corporal, 2 guiners, and 12 mutrosses; of these Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 served the piece, the other eight holding ropes in extension of the axie; the gunners pricked and fired. In serving the 514 inch howitzer the detachment consisted of 1 officer, 1 sergeant, 1 corporal, 2 bom-bardiers, and 10 matrosses. See Lieut. Birk-"Historical Sketch of the Artillery, United States Army." 2. See Sparks's Life of Washington.

At a meeting in a legislative body a member moves At a meeting in a least of the Nayor be now confirmed and on that motion calls for a roll call and moves the previous question. Another member moves an amendment that the motion he on the table. Another member asys if the previous question be ordered the amendment is out of order. The Chair decides that the amendment is in order and puts the amendment. Flease give me your decision on the above questions been called for only, The previous question having been called for only, and not having been ordered, the amendment was in order; we don't know what it was to, however.

1. Was Pope Benedict IX. only 12 years old when he was elected Pope? 2. Were there really three Popes at one time? 3. Were the priests and Bishops as a rule keeping mistresses? 4. In speaking of Benedict IX. you say: "The people of Rome, wearied of his murders, robberles, and other acountations, drove him at last from the city. Is this true?

John Lynch.

1. He was either ten or twelve years old. 2. There were: Benedict IX., Sylvester III., and John XX.; later there were two, Benedict IX. and Clement II., and again Benedict IX. and Damasus II. You will not see this point dwelt on in De Montor's (Nellgan's) lives of the Popes; but if you read pages 276 to 280 carefully you will see that there were three and two Popes for nearly sixteen years, 3. We don't know about this "as a rule"; they were not forbidden to marry until 1074. 4. De Montor, who was a Roman Catholic, whose work as trans lated by Dr. Neligan was approved by Archbishop McCloskey, says, p. 278: "On the lath of June, McCloskey, says, p. 278; 1043; the Romans, unable any longer to endure the licentiousness of Benedict IX., deposed him." The Papacy, from about 931, De Montor, p. 247, to the Hildebrand, was a plaything for ambitious princes and their consorts, and reached its lowest state. Read the book itself which The Sex reviewed and you'll learn a great deal that you haven't learned hitherto.

In what way was the rank of commission In what way was the rank of commissioned onlicers in the armies of the Confederacy designated?
We contends that the method now in vosue in the
regular army is identical with that pursued by the
C. S. A. S., on the contrary, contends that the rank
of Southern officers during "the late unpleasantness" was indicated on the collar and sleeves. C.
The rank of commissioned officers was indicated
upon the collar. A Second Lieutenant wore one

horizontal stripe on his collar; a First Lieutenant wore two stripes, a Captain three; a Major wore one star, a Licutenant-Colonel two stars, a Colonel three. General officers wore stars with a wreath about them. A Brigadier-General wore one star, and the buttons of his coat were placed in groups of two; a Major-General wore two stars, and his buttons were in threes; a Lieutenant-General wore three stars, while his buttons were in fours; and a tieneral wore four stars, with his buttons in fours. The wreath was the distinctive mark of general officers, who also wore braid on their sleeves.

In your "Answers to Correspondents" column in yesterday's issue you said that the name "Tommy Atkins" came into use on account of having illest been used under some cartoons in London Parch. In this you are mistaken. The origin of the term began through the Horse Guards. Some years ago, in the '60's I beltere, the Horse Guards issued a sold dier's handbook—the one in use in this service is patterned after if—giving the Articles of War and other information which it was thought necessary for the soldiers to know. In the back of the book for the soldiers to know. In the back of the book were some ruled pages in which the soldier was to keep his accounts with the officials, and, in order to show how they should be kept, a page was printed as a sample. At the top of this page was printed "Private Thomas Atkins." The soldiers soon corrupted it into Tommy Atkins, and it has stuck to them since. "Ex-Diagoon." "Ex Dragoon" is right as to the book and the name of the sample soldier. But we believe Punch took up the sample soldier and applied his name to

Permit me to inquire why the seal herd has de-creased so rapidly during our ownership and was apparently unmolested during that of Russia?

Because of the rise of organized pelagic scaling within the past ten or fifteen years. Until within a few years pelagic scaling (seal hunting in the ocean, as distinguished from scal killing on iand) was of little importance. Pelagic scaling is vastly more wasteful than land killing; in the former, more wastern than land string; in the former, females and males are killed indiscriminately, and a large proportion of those killed sinks; in land the "bachelors" alone are killed; the mothers are protected.

1. What is the unpardonable sin? 2. What is pro-Catholic and what is pro-cathedral? 3. Why is the sentence of ninesy bine years imposed in-stead of a lesser or greater? 4. Why is a railroad or other corporation lessed for the term of ninety-nine years?

C. T.

1. The ain against the Holy Ghost; that is be lieved to be the ascription to Satan of the power of Jesus to work miracles. 2, Pro Catholic means semebody or something that is inclined toward Roman Catholicism. Pro cathedral means a church used for the time being as the Bishop's church, it s a church that was not built to be a cathedral, but is used as a cathedral until a special cathedral is built. 3, it isn't, 4, We find no account of the origin of this strange term in leases. The term is

In dispute with an Englishman on the respective merchant marine on the high seas I much the claim that in our history at some time we had more tonnage than Great Rittain. In fact, I was ered the blooming Britisher a silk hat that such was the case. Can you shed your golden rays in my behalf.

. The mercantile tonnage of the United States reached its greatest amount in 1861; we but then 5,539,813 tons. In the same year the British mer-

chant tonnage was 4,350,695. Fermont.-Brook trout, like other members of the salmon family, have small, thin scales.

Yunker. - James Parton's book on Benjamin F. But. ler is not out of print; try a large book store. J. Cullun.-Chief of Police Conlin is a brother of

the late William J. Florence. The latter's name Meteorolitan .- Every person, whether or not college graduate, must pass an examination for admittance to the New York State bar.

of the United States probables the making of like-nesses of all legal tender notes, &c.; and section 3 of the act of Feb. 16, 1891, probables the making of likenesses of United States coins.

T. M. K .- "Capital" is applied to the city or place where the Government of a country or district is situated; "capitol" is the building where the legis-lative body meets. The modern use of "capitol," meaning the building where the Legislature meets, is purely american.

W. S. G.—Russia did not interfere actually in be-

half of the North during the civil war. She refused to recognize the bettierency of the Southern States or to join with France in offering to mediate be tween the North and the South, and in 1863 she kept a fleet in New York Barber, under Admiral Leaoffsky (or Lissofsky) with scaled orders to do something in case something happened—at least, so it was believed. But the something didn't happen, at all events, the fleet did nothing.

THE SUN'S SCHOOL FOR CARD PLAYERS.

Cribbage A plays a deuce, B plays an ace, A plays res, which counts a run of three; then B plays auther ace and claims a run of three. A claims B is wrong. Flease decide.

B is wrong. A and it play poker. A opens a pot on a straight fluch, from the are to the five spot. It holds a straight flush, consisting of a king, queen, jack, ter, and nice. Which hand wins? One hand is high as a straight; the other is high as a flush.

J. Vaku Moskisus.

The king-high hand wins. The Ring-high band wins.

A lack not in poker. A deals and breaks the pot. Re announces that he draws one card. He tests without broking at his draw and is not called. Then he discover that he has dealt himself two cards on the draw. He shows down the two pairs on which he broke the pot and calms if on the ground that he was not called and did not profit by his mistake. Does he take the money? hereads that he was not called and the profit by his mistake. Does he take the money? hereads to the head of the lack that he was not called and the profit by his mistake. Yes, but he would have lost to any hand that called him.

What do the following car is count in a two hand-ed game of cribbage: 2, 4, 3, 1, 5, then 2 was played. What does last play count?

MARTIN MILLER. Five for the run from the second eard.

A party of seven are playing a name of poker, if cents limit. A is dealer, it is ago and part up in the of the cents. After the hand is dealt C says. There's my ante or 10 cents and I raise it estit, making it 20 cents for the others to come in. Now the question is, can C, being next the age that this raise?

Otherow.

1. A and B were playing pinochle. A took a trick and picket up a carl from the deck and before playing cett throws up his hand, calling generally because that A had no right to throw up his hand while he held a full hand of twelve carls. A claims that so long as he has a thousand points he can call game any time. Who is right? 2. A and if he can call game any time. Who is right? 2. A and if he can call game any time. Who is right? 2. A and the car call game any time. Who is have up points when the carls are all played out A finds he has up points and claims that he whis the game. B claims that no older to win the game he must have 100 points in full, although it would count 100 points if A was not out, Does A win or not? 1. A is right, 2. He must have 1,000 points, not

A. B. C. and D. were playing a game of hearts.
A led with the eight of clubs, it played the seven
of clubs, and D. who had not been properly watching the play, three on the queen of clubs before of
hearts, whereupon D. seeing that he had played
out of his turn, withdrew his queen of clubs and
played the six of clubs and clubsed the right to an
out, The other ture players insided that D should
take the tree with his queen of clubs, as by playlay out of his turn he had made a mistake by
which he should be the lower. Win is right?

H. E. Hususs.

The play of the queen must stand. That's the penalty D pays for not keeping watch of the game. in a same of poker, IO cents limit, A opens a jack pot and is raised. He stands the raise and ourds are drawn. After several more raises A finally has not money enough to stand the last raise and demands a show down from each player for an omount equal to his. Another player, B, says A has no right to a show down and loses what money he has in the pot when unable to see a raise. Who is right?

A is right. In a game of cribbage A plays a 5, B an S, C a 6, and D plays a 7. D bets he has a sequence of four and A bets he has not. Which is right, A or D?

Corrant Readen.

D bets 8 that the chances of filling a four flush in a rame of picker are 4 2.9 to 1. S bets that the odds are greater. D figures this way. Say D holds four hearts and one club. This leaves nine hearts in the door of forty seven cards. Therefore the odds are 47 9 - 9 or forty seven cards.

Disright. Not necessarily. In a game of poker has a player who had dropped his hand the right of seeing the number of cards the winner holds? Yes.

In playing high, low jack. A has nine points. B has eight points. A claims it must make high, low, jack to win or high, jack, low, or low, lack, same. It claims that jack or game wins or game and low.

Which is right?

ANOLE. B must make high and low

In a game of forty five can the dealer deal three cards around and two to himself, taking three the second time? If there is any rule, what is it? READER.

The dealer must serve two all around, including himself, and then three, or three all around, including himself, and then two.

Last Sunday you published in your card column a decision that I do not understand, viz.: "In a game of draw poker. A draw three cards. One card was face upward and he called for the next card to fill his hand. It claimed that the others must draw card faced in the draw the dealer must serve the

A crowd agree to play poker, using the joker 1. In drawing, A secures a coyal flush, B drawfour sevens and the joker. B claims his hand win the pot. Is he right? 2. Do four sixes and a joken heat four sevens? 1. Yes. 2. Yes.

In a poker game the following question arose: Has the dealer a right to pass the deal for a jack There is no rule giving the dealer that right. The play is sometimes made by agreement.

Which of the two following hands is the best the game of poker. We are playing straights a flushes: (a) Sequence of hearts, such as 2, 3, 4, and 6, (b) Four aces. Santal lives The flush.

A and B are playing cassino. A builds a nine holding a nine and ten in his hand. B plays an are can A take his build and ace with his ten? JERSET. No. In playing poker, is a person opening a jack pot with a pair of queens and desiring to spit the pair in order to draw for a flush, compelled to state the fact that he is subtilize the pair? Is it comp. leavy or only customary? C. U. Hastos.

It is not compulsory. 1. What is a "royal flush" in draw poker? 2. I any straight flush a royal flush t. 8. Who is the acknowledged authority on draw poker?

J. F. K., Buffalo.

1. The ace, king, queen, jack, and ten of any To decide a bet in poker dice, which wins, three queens and two aces or three queens and two deners. By so doing you will greatly oblige J. H. AND B. W.

The queens and deuces. Aces are low in poker In the game of draw poker can a flat ante be rated? The disputants have agreed to shift by your decision.

The amnouncement by the age that his ante is

'flat'' is simply his declaration that he will not rate the price of drawing cards. He puts up the whole ante at once. Any other player is at liberty to raise before the draw.

A is right. This is the rule: "When more than two players are consent the game is ended only when the number of ball-remarking on the takie ts not sufficient to the or best the next lowest score, and all that may be depending on the same shall be decided in accordance with the standing of each

player when pool is called." 1. A. R. and C are playing pinochle; A's score, 940, 15 s, 1607; U.s. 810; U. acals, little hearts traines. A ments 40, 18 60, C 110. A brade hearts traines. A ments 40, 18 60, C 110. A brade he of hearts, formword by any of critica, taking heart fricks and claiming out on his mid and cards. He calous that cards cannot be counted thit he whole hand a played, and by taking three tricks claims out on his night. Who is right? 2. Can rards be counted at all, single of the same?

In a three or four hands a game of pinochic c player holding 1000 points to his score most 1 has be out, or is a trick necessary 2. S. Worre must take a trick to make his meld good.

Who is right? A two modest name of crits. B days first. B 7, B 3, B 3, B 1, B 6, B 2, B 1, I 1, A 1 chains on his fast may of the h set a run of 1, 2, 4, 4, 5, 6. It chains to control count in a contract count in a surveyor. I for he is not have run of 1, 2, 3, and two for a good 91. A Ross. B scores a run of 6 and two for 31.

The game is setback, 10 up. bid at the board. A and B are 9 each. A lada 2 B lets 9 pass, A play out his bigh eard. B plays low. Left A makes he was points with high and game. Kindly say which a the winner.

A CONSTANT BEARGE. A wins. A and H have been playing a game of built with four or five other players. Each back, any \$2. They agree to taky off \$1 at a time back the back of the area play off commence to seal the second play off, or must it be a new out for deal of the call of the first play off games. Major Hexas Bushan. POLITICAL NOTES.

The Federal appropriations for the improvemen bay foot up \$777,000 this year.

The Massachusetts Silvertops, who have their fortunes since 1884 with the Democratic party are greatly elated over the continued discussion of the project to nominate William E. Rousell for the office of Provident on the Democratic ticket his year. Mr. Russell has been three times elected lovernor of the Republican State of Massachusetts, achievement of which not unreasonably his sittical supporters are proud; but at the three dections at which he was successful, Benjamin Increson was President of the United States. With he inauguration of Mr. Cleveland on March 4, 1893, a change came over Democratic prospects in Massachusetts, as elsewhere, and at the first election succeeding, that of 1893, the Republican natority was 35,000. After one year of Mr. Clevethe election succeeding, that of 1894, carried the Bay State by 05,000 majority, and last year, on a reduced vote, the Republican majority was 64,681. Massachusetts cambidates have not usually been popular in Democratic National Conventions, John Quincy Adams was the candidate at several.

Justices of the Supreme Court in the New York city district—the First Judicial—receive \$17.500 a ear, \$6,000 from the State and \$11,500 from the city in a idition. Section 12 of Article VI. of the amended Constitution provides that the Justices either increased or duninished during their terms, a provision regulating the State's share of the ex-pense, which is uniform. A bill has recently been passed by the Legislature, which assures to Justices dected in other judicial districts, but assigned to New York city for service, the same additional salary as is paid to New York city Justices.

The result of the April elections for Aldermen in emocrats, 19; Independents and Populists, 9, less than four years ago Chicago was carried by

The meetings of the Hoard of City Record, par icipated in by the Mayor, the Counsel to the Corporation or his representative, and the Commisoner of Public Works, are reported in full in the city Record for the perusal of all intelligent, lawabiding, patriotic, and interested citizens. At a recent meeting of this Poard a matter involving an expenditure of some \$8,000 was taken up bf Lange Townsond Smith, Chateman of the comrecords of the city." A Sen correspondent asks who is Isaac Townsend Smith, and since when was he a member of the Board of City Record. This is a query not easily answered. His name does not appear on the city pay rolls, and he is recorded a the directory as "Consul." The Dutch Consul in New York is John R. Platen.

Simultaneous with the most unfavorable reports rom representatives in office of the former State Democracy comes the announcement from Chiago that the Rotel Richellen, the headquarters of the New York city Cuckoos during the Convention of 1892, has closed. The building has been turned over to the owners and the guests have de parted. The Richelleu began its existence almost dozen years ago, before either the Auditorium the Great Northern, the Virginia, the Lexington, or the Metropole.

The State Superintendent of Insurance gets a salary of \$7,000 a year, the State Superintendent of Public Works a salary of \$0,000, and the State Superintendent of Banks a salary of \$5,000.

The State Board of Pharmacy, established in 1884, s composed of five pharmacists, appointed by the vernor from ten names submitted by the State Pharmaceutical Association for a term of five years, one vacancy occurring each year. New York, Brooklyn, and Eric county are excluded from the operations of the Board, and the five places now represented upon it are Rochester, Syracuse, Plattsburgh, Delhi, and Albany. The expenses of the Board are paid by fees from those applying for

The four States which were carried by the Populists in 1892 and gave their electoral votes to Weaver were Kansas, Colorado, Idaho, and Ne-vada. At the last election in Kansas for Governor the Republicans beat the Populists by 80,000 In Idaho by 3.000. But Nevada remains loyal to the silver cause and was carried by the Populists at the last State election.

A Governor of Tennessee is to be elected this year, and a lively fight is going on for the Democratic nomination. So far Bob Taylor, who ran successfully against his brother Aif in 1886 is leading handsomely in the race, but since the memorable close contest in 1894 between Evans and Turney, a Democratic nomination for Governor in Tennes-see is no longer equivalent to an election. Evans will run again as Republican candidate this year, and those who claim that he was counted out two years ago are his most ardent and sympathetic supporter. The Taylors are both musicians and Bob Taylor, if nominated by the Democrats, will give Evans a run for his money, as the expression is.

There have been several exciting episodes of a in the past few days. The Sheriff of Cook county, James Pease, has received an execution against a Chicago company for \$7,359,661, the heirs of ex-Mayor Carter Harrison have taken into court his will, and Chairman Harrity of the Democratic National Committee has received \$10,000 on account of the guarantee of the Chicago business men for the July Convention. To reimburse the Chicago men ickets of admission are to be sold at \$50 apiece,

John S. Kidder, the newly appointed Port Waren, halls from Opeonta, in Otsego county, which, though one of the closest countles in the State be ween the two political parties for many years' was not substantially recognized by either in the matter of important offices. But recently, in fact since Otsego became a Republican county and was taken out of the doubtful column, it has fared etter. The Congressman from the Twenty-first district, which includes Greene county, Montgomery county, Schoharle county, and Schenecially county as well as Otsego, is David Wilber of Onconta. The Assistant Secretary of State, Andrew Davidson, is also an Otsego county man. The State Senator from the Thirty third district, which includes the ounties of Herkimer and Otsego, also halis from meonta, like Congressman Wilber and Port Warden Kidder. Burr Mattice, Supreme Court Justice in the Sixth Judicial district and Oisego county's representative in that fribunal, also halls from Oneonts. It pays to be a Republican in Otsego

cratte factions in Hithole over the control of the carry machinery in this year's contest. The Demeratte State Committee Is to meet in Chicago on April 20 to fix the place for helding the lilinols State Convention. The representative of Illinois in the Democratic National Committee is Ben Caldo of Rock Island, who represents what is sometimes called the Cleveland or Administration faction. The opponents of Cleveland are under the lead of Giv. Aligeld and Secretary of State Heinrichsen. Both are ardently opposed to the present Administration and both are strongly inclined toward free diver. Present indications joint to an easy victory for the Altgeld-Heinrichsen faction.

represented in Congress, both branches, by natives, i. e., Congressmen boro within the boundaries of the State they represent. These two States are South Carolina and Maine. South Carolina has seven Representatives: Maine has four. With one exception att the Betweentatives of New Jersey are natives of that State and all of them, without any exception, are Republicans. Indiana, too, has a solid Republian delegation, and so has fowa. There is only one bemocrat in the Hilnois delegation outside of the city of Chicago. This Illinois Democrat balls from the town of Virginia.

The Dock Board is the one department of the city

tovernment the expellitires of which are not provided for by appropriations made by the Board of Letimate and Appertionment, The Dock Bears, through interference of Republicans in Albany seeking patronage from its Commissioners, acts inde-pendently of any local control, and, moreover, to not seemed for its complex expenses are not raised by circuit taxariou, but are derived from the proceeds of bonds, the maximum annual limit of which has been \$3,000,000 a year. Commissioners which has been \$5.000,000 a year. Commissingers
Othern and Einstein have secured from the Bennilicans in the Legislature a bill which rules; the
amount to \$5.000,000, to be expended without any
supervision of the Bearl of Estimate and ApperInament. It is sometimes said by uninformed persons that the taxpayers of New York, contrib-uting directly nothing to the book D-partment, are not concerned in Wasteful internancement. For mons that the taxpayers of New York, contrib-nating directly mething to the heat D-partment, are not concerned in washful intranagement. Let such is not the case. The people of New York are directly made to pay the interest on the dock bonds directly made to pay the interest on the dock bonds and, moreover, the cuty's revenue from the lasticely and, moreover, the cuty's revenue from the of the city. Each fire badge now in the control of times It is usual for the loser in one game to deal the docks is diverted to must the principal of these

YOUNG MR. BUSTED'S SECLUSION. It Was Disturbed by Irreverent Beer, and

He Was Porced to Vengennee ALBANY, April 18,-"I love the chase," said Assemblyman James W. Husted, at the Albany Club. "The hounds I love. I am not much on winding the buntsman's horn myself, but I always carry one with me on the hunt for him to wind who wishes, until it is wound to the last drop. Parenthetically I might say right here that if you think of going much into the North Woods and care to stand well as a hunter in the estimation of the natives, never have your huntaman's horn of a less capacity than one quart. I love the chase, but I prefer to be the chaser. I draw the line at being the chased, Particularly when I have gone into the seclusion of the woods to commune with the printed thought of a favorite author. There is nothing more annoying than to have such sectusion disturbed by the intrusion upon it of some irreverent deer. I know, because I have had it done

to me, and I was wofully put out by it. "It was up on the second Bisby Lake. I was staying at the first lake, where there are various camps, but the Second Lake no one had yet hosen as a place to camp, and it was in delightful solitude. It was late summer, and anxious sportsmen were wondering how the deer hunting was going to be through the season. My guide, John Comerford, came to me one day. took me aside, and quietly said:

" 'My dog sort o' started away in a hurry while ago, and I'm afraid he's got after a deer. And I shouldn't wonder if that deer might come out on Second Lake, may be somewhere about Clinton Point, and make a dive for Deer Island. "'I hope not, John,' said I. 'I am going up to Deer Island to seclude myself with books, and I

den't want to be disturbed.'
"' Well,' said John, ' maybe it won't come ous there, after all." "I got my books, jumped into my boat, and

pulled for Deer Island. It seemed to me that I had beard that a bear had been seen hanging around Second Lake somewhere, and I shoved my can into the boat, determined to put some ead into that bear if he tried to show up any of his teleks around where I was. I got to Deer Island, pulled my boat up on the shore, and was soon lost to all outward things in the pages of my book. I don't know how long I was thus oblivious to the world, but I found myself called back again by the quick and resounding chug of oarlocks. Much nottled at this trespass on my loved diversion, I arose and walked to the edge of the lake. Out in the lake, coming from Clinton Point toward Deer Island, was a deera whopping big buck, as was evident from all of him in sight, his head and antiers. Rowing toward him with excited haste was a hunter.

and I recognized him as my brother. He recognized me at the same time.

"That's my deer," he shouted. 'I saw him first! Don't you shoot him.'

"I don't want your deer!! I shouted back. Take him away! I want to be let alone! What do you mean by running deer on me and disturbing me when I'm lost in literature? Take him away." him away!"
"'It's a funny thing, but somehow I had my
gun in my hands.
"'Don't you shoot that deer!" my brother
shouted again. 'He's mine! Head him off!"
"The deer kept right on, making straight for

shouted again. 'He's mine; Head him off.'

"The deer kept right on, making straight for me.

"I believe he's coming here to run right over me!' I said. I tried to shoo him away, but he wouldn't shoo. So I jumped in my boat and rowed out to head him off, so he wouldn't run me down. That turned him, and brought him near my brother. Then I rowed back to the island. My brother kept him from running me down after that, in fact, the deer could never have come back to the island at all if my brother had't towed him back.

"It was quite a while before I could become buried again in my books after this unwonted and irritating interference, but I got there at last. By and by it came to me by degrees that there was something unusual going on near where I had left my boat.

"Well," said I, exasperated to a degree, 'If a man can't commune with things amid the solitude of Bisby Lake No. 2 without being continually disturbed, he might as well seek the busy haunts of men."

"yet up and walked down to the lake,

a man can't commune with things amid the solitude of Bisby Lake No. 2 without being continually disturbed, he might as well seek the busy haunts of men!"

"I got up and walked down to the lake. There, to my utter indignation, was another deer again a buck, tearing toward shore, and with his fore feet already touching bottom. And the tantalizing look he had!

""Can't be, can it!"said I, 'that John Comerford is doing this thing on purpose, after I told him I wanted undisturbed seclusion?

"Whether John was or not, the deer kept right on coming, and was prancing high and dry on the shore before I could make up my mind what to do. The deer must have seen that I was terribly put out at that sort of thing, and was spain and went plunging out into it.

"This is too much!" I cried. "A repetition of it must be prevented!"

"My gun was in the boat. That deer never obtruded on the seclusion of a person inclined toward literary absorption again. I was avenged, but rather disappointed in the corporeal proportion of the deer as compared with its bulk of impudence. The deer was small in weight, but, as I recall it, its venison was large in !uciness."

impudence. The deer was small in weight, but, as I recall it, its venion was large in judiness. THE FIRE LINES.

How They Were Established and Who May Pass Them.

Soon after the breaking out of a fire in a established and a fire line is drawn. The establishment of this fire line owes its origin to the Legislature, asthough, before any statute on the subject was adopted, the duties of the Police Department were prescribed vaguely by orders emanating from the Superintendent of

the department.
In old New York, under the rule of leatherhead night watchmen and constables, this was one of the duties of a Police Captain: "To see that the church beils should be rung at the breaking out of a fire, and that the constables call out between what streets the fire was located, under penalty of dismissal, even though it should have been the first offence." It was the duty of the Police Department to see that the sextons rang the bells in church steeples, and that the citizens of the town should be acquainted with the fact that a fire was in progress, and also with the location of it, in order that the volunteer firemen might know where to go without loss of time. The policemen of old New York had nothing to do with fire lines there were hone in those days. That was a matter for the Legislature. See-

policemen of old New York had nothing to de with fire lines—there were home in those days. That was a matter for the Ledshature. Section 351 of the Consolidation act, adopted in 1882, which serves the city of New York as a charter, contains the following:

"Unring the actual prevalence of any fire it shall and may be lawful for the officers of the Police and Fire departments to remove or cause to be removed and kept away from the vicinity of such fire, all the and suspicious persons, and all persons not in to be employed, or not actually and usefulix combayed, in their indement, in alding the estimanishment of such fire or in the preservation of projectly in the vicinity thereof. The relation of the Police Lenartment to fires is further regulated by General Order No. 323, which is as folice Lenartment to fires is further regulated by General Order No. 323, which is as folices; and the officials of the Fire Department, and the officials of the Fire Department, not provined with a fire undge of the established design must be excluded from and not alleved to pass within, the pelice lines at fire, and the fire line tadge does not under any cities nurpose than obtaining admission to the invest within the police lines at fire, and the investigation of the police from the lines.

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words "No admittance to buildings.